

HOBBYISTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2023

Note: Meeting at First Presbyterian Church in person and by Zoom

President Bob Mosher called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Bill Healy led the **Pledge of Allegiance**. Bill also advised of a worthy project: Bill, Bob Paoli, and several others are marking Memorial Day by placing 1,100 flags on the graves of veterans at Valleau Cemetery, Ridgewood on **May 13** (9 AM). All volunteers are welcome to participate.

President's Report-Bob Mosher. Bob introduced a catchy tune written by Dick Boswell to honor former Hiking Chairman Ed Collins. The hilarious lyrics were set to the theme from "The Beverly Hillbillies."

Treasurer's Report-Gary Englehardt. We are taking in many checks from an array of activities. The Club earned accrued interest of \$106.00 in March and is in sound financial shape.

Membership-Cliff Matthews. Total membership: 406; Life members: 42 which includes Hugh Toumey, newest life member; attendance: 76 (including 4 on ZOOM); new inductees: George Chookazian (Bob Reilly) and Frank Loughlin (Steve Cooney).

Hobbyists Concerned-Peter Philip. Hobbyists Paul Carter, Joe Holder, and former Hobbyist Warren Boroson recently passed away.

Activities Reports

Book Club-Peter Philip. Jon Sterling will present Heat and Light by Jennifer Haight on **April 21** at 10 AM in the Church Library. This novel shows the tensions created in a small Pennsylvania town when a large deposit of natural gas is discovered under the town.

Dinner/Dance-Bill Healy. The next event is on **May 15** at Seasons. Cost is \$195.00 per couple. We have 90 people registered. If interested, contact Bill Healy at whealy3741@aol.com and send your check to Gary Englehardt, 569 Cliff Street, Ridgewood, NJ 07450.

Fellowship Luncheon-Dave Smilon. **April 27** at noon in the Church. The cost is \$15.00. There are 70 + registrants and time for Hobbyists to sign up. A musical program will follow the luncheon.

Fishing-Peter Weinstein. There is a six (6) person striper bass charter set for **May 2**. Look for future e-mails on charter and party boat trips.

Golf-Paul Fazio. There are 107 registrants. The season began on Tuesday, April 4. Upcoming events: **May 9**-Stony Ford, Montgomery, NY (sign up w/ Paul Richert phriche7314@gmail.com); **June 6**-Skyview in Sparta (sign up w/ Stu French stufrench31@yahoo.com); **June 13**- the 1st tournament of the year (Apple Green). Please check the golf website for scheduling and registration details.

If you are unable to play at any scheduled event, it is important to notify the coordinator (Gary Don-Tuesday; Giancarlo Bisone-Friday) ASAP. A player is responsible for providing his own substitute from the list).

Hiking-Ed Lundell. There will be a co-ed hike on **May 23** with lunch afterwards. Look for future details of an overnight hike at the Delaware Water Gap in early October.

Military History-Tom Heed. The meeting on **April 24** at the Church at 2 PM will be on ZOOM **and** in person. The discussion will “war game” a potential invasion of Taiwan with a comparison to the Normandy Invasion.

Movie Lovers-Richard Oswald. “Strangers in Good Company”- the adventures of 8 elderly women on a bus tour which breaks down in the woods- will be shown on **April 11** at 1:30 PM in the Senior Lounge, Ridgewood Village Hall.

Music Lovers-Jack Warner. “Musica Del Cinema Italiano” on **April 14** at 10 AM in the Church chapel will feature music and film clips from various films such as “The Godfather” and “The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly.” See the website for more details on the presentation.

ROMEO-Cliff Matthews. The next luncheon will be on **April 21** (noon) at Bellissimo Ristorante, 12 S. Kinderkamack Road, Montvale. Send Cliff an e-mail at cematth48@optonline.net if you are attending. BYOB. **All attending should wear your membership badge.**

(ALL) Wine Makers-Paul Richert. The group just bottled a Chilean blend (March 23). Upcoming events: April 24-bottling an Amarone; May 19-bottling another Chilean blend.

The Hobbyist business meeting concluded at 10:40 AM.

Program-Susan Breitbart of Valley Hospital will discuss our memory and how to improve it.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Weinstein